

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
May 9, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Busching and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner. The commissioners and highway foremen discussed the highway needs for which the state released CAGIT funds could be used.

Foreman Toops advised they had rented a crack sealing machine and it was working well.

Commissioner Busching moved to apply for a grant for a highway road broom with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Bridge #128 was discussed and a question arose on the engineering cost that was included in the bridge package quote. This will be discussed at the meeting at the annex.

With no further business to discuss Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the annex meeting room. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes and the meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag. All three commissioners, Auditor Wagner, and County Attorney Ertel were present.

Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition—Ms. Amy Phillips 8:15:00

Ms. Phillips reported the activities of the coalition. She requested funding of \$28,000.00 be released for the grants distributed by them and operation of the coalition. Commissioner Busching moved to release the funding immediately with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

She also supplied Memorandums of Understanding for the following grants awarded.

- 1) One Community One Family--\$500.00
- 2) Ripley County Health Department--\$625.00
- 3) Milan Christian Church--\$3500.00
- 4) Choices--\$2375.00
- 5) Milan Schools--\$425.00
- 6) Better Options (A. Hertel Company)--\$5322.00
- 7) Better Options (A. Hertel Company)--\$1678.00
- 8) Ripley County Probation--\$3000.00
- 9) Ripley County Prosecutor's Office--\$3500.00

Maintenance—Mr. Johnnie Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum advised the tree and bushes at the annex had been replaced by the contractor.

After several weeks of requesting a quote from additional contractors for work on the courthouse roof none but one had been received.

The quote from Tyler Bond for repair to the courthouse roof was discussed. It included repair of the southeast corner shingles, re-flash chimney, re-caulk 3 pipe boots, install ice shield in eaves and valleys, replacing decking as needed, and re-flashing the East side of the Steeple for \$9600.00.

Also in a separate quote for \$2000.00 he would replace the metal edge against the building, re-caulk along edge, grind and re-seal masonry as needed.

Commissioner Linville moved to accept the quote from Tyler Bond for the total \$11,600.00 with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson 8:29:03

Mr. Brinson presented the commissioners with two requests for re-zone.

- 1) Ordinance 2016-03 for 6.75 acre in Adams Twp from Residential to Local Business. This request had received a favorable recommendation from the planning board of 11 for and 0 against.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

- 2) Ordinance 2016-04 for 6 acres in Adams Twp from Agricultural to Roadside Business. This request had received a favorable recommendation from the planning board of 10 for and 0 against with 1 abstaining.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel 8:33:50

Mr. Hertel requested the commissioners approve Ms. Sofia Fledderman and Mr. Alex Dudley as summer help in his office.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the power supply for the phone system for 911 had gone out and had been replaced. All is back up and running now.

Lori from ETC advised the commissioners they were running fiber cable and provided the commissioners with quotes to provide the fiber optic service for the county. The commissioners took the quotes under advisement.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:47:50

Mr. Rose requested approval of the Emergency Procedures flyer that will be distributed to each office. He stated he would have each office sign off on receiving the flyer to be posted in the offices. The commissioners granted their approval for distribution. He also provided an update on grants, the radio booster, and the continuity of operations plan.

Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth provided the commissioners with the jail inspection report and stated he had no new business at this time.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman was unable to attend the meeting and Auditor Wagner read a text message from him that advised the commissioners April collections for the transfer service had been approximately \$60,000.00 and to date May collections had been approximately \$15,000.00.

BREAK—9:06:00

The issue of the annex generator was discussed and Attorney Ertel stated his advice was to obtain additional quotes from electricians to change the breaker on the generator, run a ground wire from automatic switch to generator, and check the load on the 100 amp breaker in the panel to see if it can be changed to 60 amp, and if so change it to 60 amp to bring the generator set-up into code compliance.

Ripley County Redevelopment Commission—Mr. Barry Lauber 9:38:14

Mr. Lauber questioned the commissioners if it would be possible to include the bond of the commission with those of the county. With discussion it was determined the bond is a performance bond to guarantee the proper construction of a turning lane at the Versailles Industrial Park. The county does not have any performance bonds and the Redevelopment Commission will need to continue the bond.

APEX Benefits—Ms. Toni Stinson

Ms. Stinson appeared to finalize the health insurance renewal for 6/1/2016. Commissioner Linville stated he wanted to rescind his prior motion to eliminate the county provided life insurance for the full time employees and made that in the form of a motion. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion was passed with 3 yes. They informed Ms. Stinson the life insurance would be provided for the renewal 6/1/2016.

Commissioner Busching then stated he did not feel that the increase in the renewal premium should be passed along to the employees and made a motion to keep the employee portion for the health insurance at the current level for each category and to accept Proposal 1 for the renewal 6/1/2016. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Ms. Stinson then discussed 1-800MD, RX Help Center, and Spousal Carve Out options to reduce the amount of claims being paid by the county. These were taken under advisement.

Commissioner Busching then moved to approve the Business Associate Agreement stating APEX as the Broker for the county with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Highway—Superintendent Heaton 10:15:45

Superintendent Heaton advised the commissioners the bills received from VS Engineering amounting to \$12,000.00 were included in the bid amount for Bridge #128 from CPI. He stated CPI requested the county pay VS Engineering directly but Attorney Ertel stated it should be billed to CPI since it was part of their bid and the county would pay CPI as per the Bid.

E911—Ms. Judy Schebler 10:20:15

Ms. Schebler presented the commissioners with a request for a new hire, Ms. Christine Lawburgh, to start 5/24/2016.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Amanda Brunner and others: Employee Life Insurance

Auditor Wagner called Ms. Brunner and since the commissioners had rescinded the prior vote to eliminate the life insurance there was no need for her to appear.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a request from the Versailles Lions Club to use the courthouse grounds and lower level restrooms June 25, 2016 for their chicken dinner.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 commissioners' meeting with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the claims to be paid from the commissioners' budget. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. Commissioners signed the payroll sheets and claim vouchers as well.

With no further business to attend to Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Mark Busching

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County